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SUBJECT: BELGRADE CSCE MEETING: JUNE 24

DEPARTMENT FOR EUR/RPM

FROM USDEL CSCE

1. IN MORNING SESSION, DISCUSSION CONTINUED OVER THE ROMANIAN AND POLISH AMENDMENTS TO NEUTRAL AND NON-ALIGNED (NNA) DRAFT AGENDA WITH NO PROGRESS. FRENCH REP, PERHAPS NOT SURPRISINGLY IN LIGHT OF THE BREZHNEV VISIT, INDICATED THEY COULD ACCEPT NNA DRAFT OF AGENDA ITEM ON REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION AND NEW PROPOSALS. ROMANIAN REP, POSSIBLY PROVOKED BY YESTERDAY'S TOUGH SOVIET INTERVENTION, SAID HIS GOVERNMENT COULD NOT ACCEPT A SIMPLE CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE WHICH ENTAILED NOTHING MORE THAN AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. HE STRESSED THAT ROMANIA SOUGHT AN ACTIVE DECISION-MAKING CONFERENCE.

2. IN AN EFFORT TO LOOSEN-UP THE DISCUSSION, THE AFTERNOON MEETING FOR THE FIRST TIME CONVENED IN A SMALLER ROOM. U.S. REP (SHERER) OPENED DISCUSSION BY REITERATING ALLIED
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POSITION ON SEPARATION OF IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW AND NEW PROPOSALS, AND BY STRESSING THAT U.S. REMAINED CONVINCED THAT ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSAL WAS MOST EFFECTIVE BASIS FOR AGENDA OF SUBSTANTIVE MEETING. U.S. REP INDICATED WE WERE PREPARED TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF A DOCUMENT, AS PROPOSED IN NNA PROPOSAL.

3. IN SUBSEQUENT EFFORT TO GET DISCUSSION MOVING, SPANISH REP, SUPPORTED BY MALTA AND SWEDEN, SUGGESTED MOVING ON TO A DISCUSSION OF ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS. MALTESE REP OUTLINED HIS VIEWS ON ORGANIZATION, WHICH WERE SUPPORTED BY SPAIN. IN THE MALTESE CONCEPT, MAIN MEETING WOULD START WITH A SHORT GENERAL DEBATE OF ABOUT THREE DAYS ON EVALUATION AND NEW PROPOSALS, AFTER WHICH THE SESSION WOULD BREAK-UP INTO FIVE COMMITTEES (PRESUMABLY THREE BASKETS PLUS MEDITERRANEAN AND POST-BELGRADE FOLLOW-UP). UK REP REFERRED TO ANNEX 1 OF US/UK PROPOSAL AND SKETCHED OUTLINE OF THE MAIN MEETING AS FORESEEN IN THAT PAPER. POLAND, HOWEVER, OBJECTED TO ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION OF ORGANIZATION WHILE AGENDA REMAINS UNRESOLVED.

4. IN UNRELATED MATTER, ROMANIA FORMALLY OBJECTED TO UK REP'S REFERENCE TO US/UK PROPOSAL AS A PROPOSAL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, WHICH HE SAID IS NOT A PARTICIPANT IN CSCE. UK REP PLANS TO REPLY TO THIS POINT ON MONDAY.
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